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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RUSSELL VALLEAU,

Defendant.

Case: 2:24-cr-20647

Assigned To : Edmunds, Nancy G.

Referral Judge: Patti, Anthony P.

Assign. Date : 11/21/2024

Description: IND USA V. VALLEAU (MC)

**VIOLATIONS:**

18 U.S.C. § 111(a)

18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(1)(C)

**INDICTMENT**

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:**

**COUNT ONE**

18 U.S.C. §§ 111(a), (b)

*Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding Certain Officers or Employees*

On or about September 26, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, RUSSELL VALLEAU, forcibly assaulted, opposed, impeded, intimidated, and interfered with R.F., a person designated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1114, while R.F. was engaged in, and on account of, the performance of R.F.'s official duties as a letter carrier with the United States Postal Service, and in doing so, VALLEAU used a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a knife.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111(a)(1) and (b).

**COUNT TWO**

18 U.S.C. § 245(b)(1)(C)

*Interference with Federally Protected Activities*

On or about September 26, 2024, in the Eastern District of Michigan, the defendant, RUSSELL VALLEAU, did, by threat of force, willfully intimidate and interfere with, and attempt to intimidate and interfere with R.F. because R.F. was and had been enjoying employment by the United States Postal Service, an agency of the United States. Specifically, VALLEAU threatened R.F. with a knife after making racial comments related to R.F. and R.F.'s work as a mail carrier.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 245(b)(1)(C).

**SPECIAL FINDING—HATE CRIME MOTIVATION**

The Grand Jury further alleges that defendant RUSSELL VALLEAU intentionally selected the victim, R.F., as the object of the offenses alleged in Counts One and Two because of the actual and perceived race and color origin of R.F. or any other person.

All in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. §§ 111(a), 245(b)(1)(C); U.S.S.G. § 3A1.1.

A TRUE BILL.

s/ Grand Jury Foreperson  
GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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Dated: November 21, 2024

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## Criminal Case Co

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Assistant U.S. Attorney signing this form to complete it accurately in all respects.

<b>Companion Case Information</b>	<b>Companion Case Number:</b>
This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) <sup>1</sup> :	<b>Judge Assigned:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>AUSA's Initials:</b> FLC

**Case Title:** USA v. Russell Valleau

**County where offense occurred :** Oakland

**Check One:** ☒ **Felony**

☐ **Misdemeanor**

☐ **Petty**

☐ Indictment/ ☐ Information -- no prior complaint.

☒ Indictment/ ☐ Information -- based upon prior complaint [Case number: 24-mj-30418 ]

☐ Indictment/ ☐ Information -- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].

## Superseding Case Information

**Superseding to Case No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judge:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.

☐ Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.

☐ Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

Defendant name

Charges

Prior Complaint (if applicable)

**Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.**

November 21, 2024  
Date

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<sup>1</sup> Companion cases are matters in which it appears that (1) substantially similar evidence will be offered at trial, or (2) the same or related parties are present, and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence. Cases may be companion cases even though one of them may have already been terminated.